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This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 15, 2004 ("the Notice") and, therefore, is supplemental to Applicants' Reply in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004 ("the Action") in connection with the above-identified patent application. In compliance with the species election/restriction requirement set forth in the Action, Applicants elect the species N-(4-phenyl)-benzoyl-2-(R)-(3-(N-aminoiminomethyl)-(1,2,5,6tetrahydropyridylmethyl))-3-(R)-methyl β -alanine methyl ester

which is the subject of Example 2 at page 48 of Applicants' specification.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004 and the Notice of Noncompliance dated December 15, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required and any additional fees that may be needed to Deposit Account No. 18-1982 in the name of Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc.

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